

No.	From whom received.	Subject.
6	Agavoor Nambooripad ...	Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Bill.
7	S. Govinda Pillai, High Court Vakil ...	Do.
8	Thekkedathu Bhattathiri and 9 others of Tiruvalla...	Do.
9	Sreenivasa Iyen, Kariakar of Amayanoor Devaswom...	Do.
10	Patuthol Pazhur Nambooripad and 17 others...	Do.

Mr. Nagam Aiya.—With regard to the Bill, Sir, of which I am in charge, viz., that on the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, I beg to observe that I do not intend asking for the affirmation of its principle to-day, as I have not received the opinions of all the gentlemen who have been invited to favour the Council with their views. Further I do not wish to hasten the passing, through Council, of this important Bill before the fullest opportunity has been afforded to the public for its discussion both in and outside the Council.

CIVIL COURTS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—This Bill having been already published in the Gazette under Rule 32, there is no need for me now to ask for leave to introduce it. But as fifteen days have not elapsed since the publication, I cannot introduce it under Rule 33, unless the proviso to para 1 be suspended. Considering the nature of the Bill which, though short, involves important principles, I do not intend to ask the Council to discuss the principle of the Bill at this meeting. I would, therefore, move for the suspension of the rule just to enable me to formally introduce the Bill.

The Council having suspended the rule, Mr. Thanu Pillai continued:—

I beg then to formally introduce the Bill. As the principle of it is not to be discussed to-day, I do not think I need trouble the Council with any observations now. The most important portion of the Bill, namely that relating to the jurisdiction—small cause and ordinary—of the Munsifs is, you will observe, of an enabling character and with the guarantees provided in the Bill there is no room to fear that the enabling provision will be used except with due regard to the interests of the litigant public. The other portions of the Bill are, I believe, not contentious.

CENSUS BILL.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—The Bill has been already published in the Gazette under Rule 32 and as fifteen days have elapsed since its publication, I beg to introduce it and move that it be read in Council under Rule 33.

The Council having affirmed the principle of the Bill, Mr. Thanu Pillai observed that, being a formal measure and virtually a reproduction of the previous Regulation (I of 1066), it was hardly necessary to refer it to a Select Committee and moved that Rule 45 be suspended and the Bill taken up for consideration at once.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—I beg to propose a few amendments.

In section 4, clause (1) (a), I would substitute 'or' for 'and'. The conjunction 'and' is obviously a mistake.

Seconded by Mr. Maltby.

Carried.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—My next amendment is, in section 5, clause (1) line 6, to insert the words 'in his district' between 'revenue' and 'to'. This would make the meaning clearer.

Seconded by Mr. Maltby.

Carried.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—In section 10, clause (a), line 4, I beg to propose that the words 'without sufficient cause' be inserted after 'census.' These words were in the corresponding section of the old Regulation, and I think it is well to put them in. It will be observed that the word 'intentionally' occurs in clause (b).

Seconded by Mr. Nagam Aiya.

Carried.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—I beg now to propose that the latter part of Rule 50 be suspended and the Bill be passed at once. The Bill is a close adaptation of the Act just passed in British India and as I said before, mainly a reproduction of our former Regulation on the subject. As the Bill is intended to facilitate census work, it is desirable to pass it immediately without waiting for the next ordinary meeting of the Council three months hence, by which time the census operations would have considerably advanced. Being a formal measure intended for a temporary purpose and containing no provisions of a controversial nature, I feel sure the Council will see no objection to passing the Bill at once.

The motion was put and agreed to.

GUARDIAN AND WARDS BILL.

Mr. Kochukrishna Marar.—I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on this Bill and move that the Report and the amended Bill be published in the Gazette.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—Mr. Ramier, who was a member of the Select Committees on the Public Conveyances, Civil Procedure Code Amendment, and Evidence Bills, having vacated his seat in the Council, I beg to propose that Mr. Rajaram Row take his place in the Select Committee on the Public Conveyances Bill and Mr. Sivasubramania Pillai in the other two.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The Council adjourned at 4.30. P. M.

K. KRISHNASWAMY RAO,
President.